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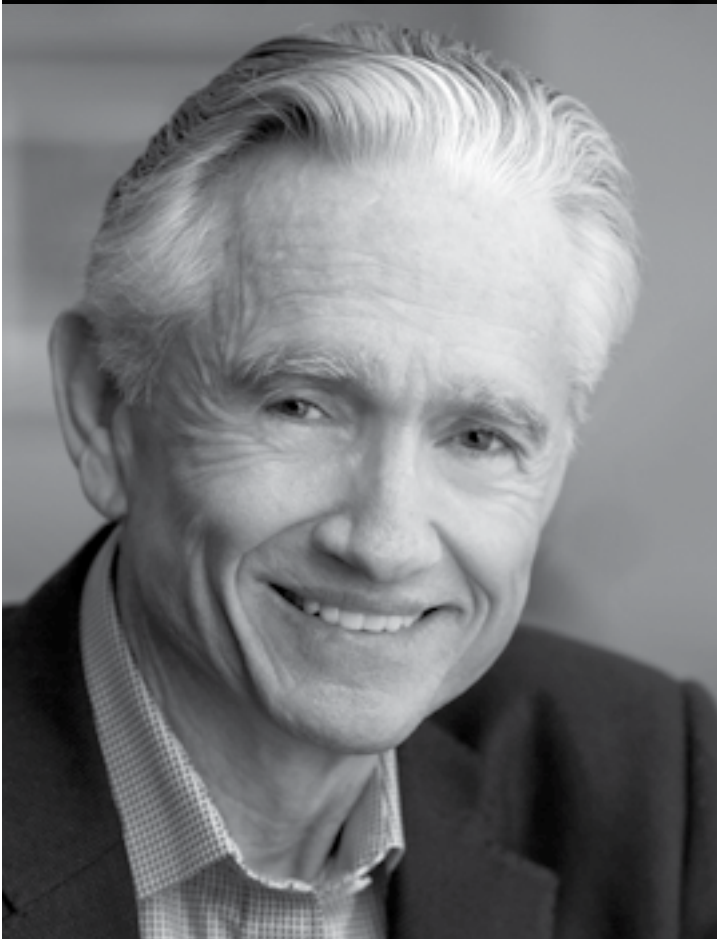
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Editorial: New Year's Resolutions and the pressure to succeed



As we all know too well, with a New Year comes the pressure to create a New Year's Resolution.

These resolutions are typically positive, and more often than not, selfish: we want to lose weight, eat healthier, save more money, and so on.

And although bettering yourself

can be important, you shouldn't feel pressured to magically make a change overnight.

According to the University of Scranton's Journal of Clinic Psychology, 45 percent of people usually make resolutions, while 38 percent absolutely never make resolutions, and 17 percent infrequently do so.

Of the 45 percent that do make resolutions, however, only 49 percent succeed in achieving their resolutions.

The notion of picking January 1 as the day that your life will change puts pressure not only on the day, but on yourself as well: we all know

that change does absolutely not happen over night, and nor should it.

Then, if and when we do not immediately achieve our resolutions, we tend to start the year off feeling like a failure – an undoubtedly counterproductive measure.

So, whether you chose to make a resolution this year or not, don't feel pressured to change immediately, but rather allow change at your own pace.

Furthermore, if you do decide to make a resolution, feel free to make a less selfish resolution this new year: rather than work on

yourself, you can work to better your university, family, or community.

If you're among the die-hard resolution planners, keep in mind that Jan. 1 does not have to be the day you make a change: as the saying goes, if at first you don't succeed, try again, and perhaps aim for a new month, new week, or every new day resolution.

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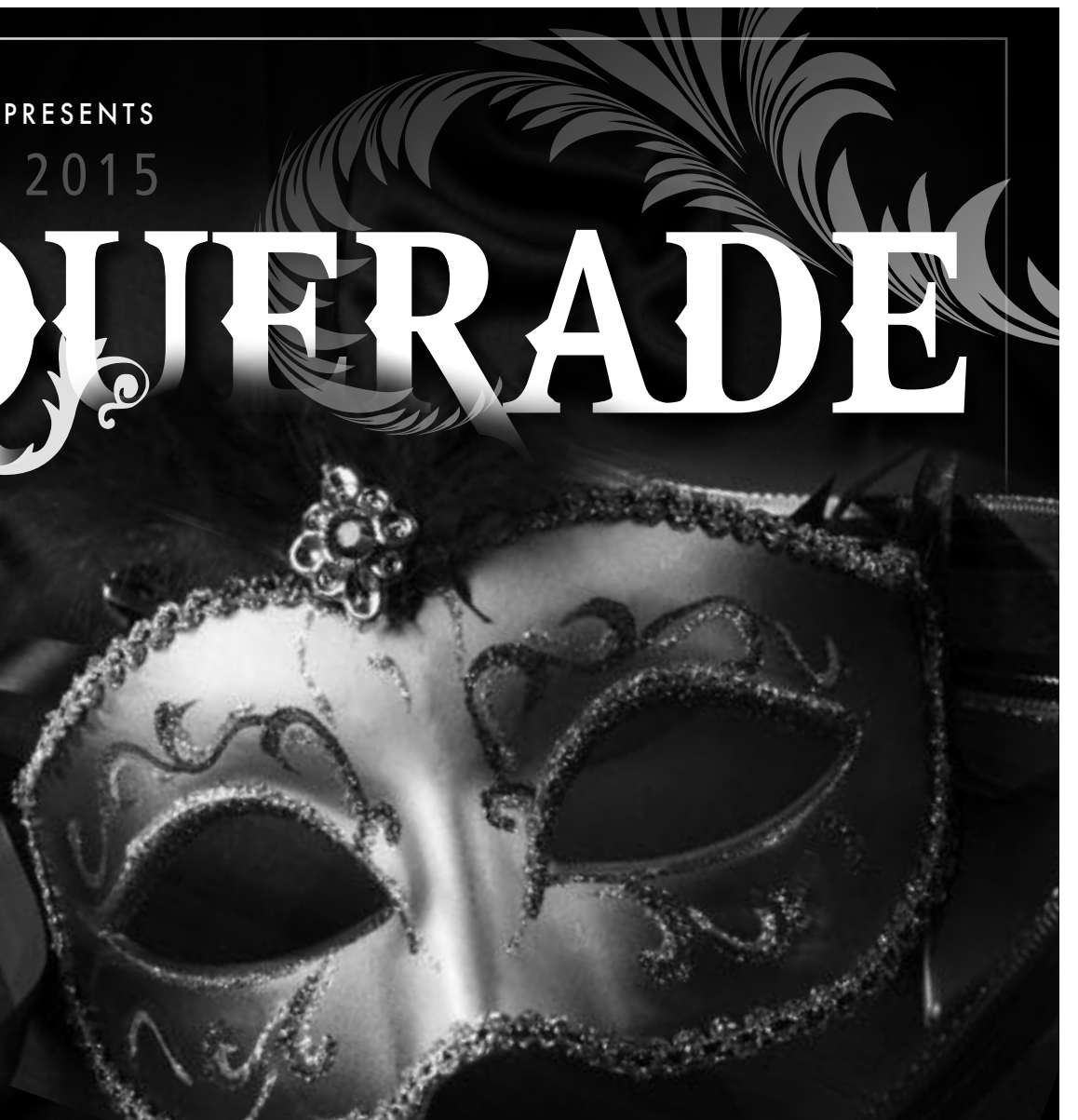
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#LUnews / Students ‘should not worry’ about grading scheme: Demers



**Kaitlynn Zygmunt
For The Lambda**

With a new semester comes a new grading system at Laurentian, and, as has been made clear on campus and on social media, there have been many questions and much confusion surrounding the new system. The grading scheme, which was implemented at Laurentian University in September 2014, is not new to Canadian schools: many universities, such as the University of Ottawa, no longer use a 100 point scale, but now use letter grades.

For calculating averages for academic steps such as graduation, these letter grades are then converted into a point scale. Registrar and Secretary of Senate, Serge Demers, explained that those applying for scholarships at Laurentian and other grad schools will not be negatively affected because the scholarship structure has been adjusted for next year (95%, 90%, 85%, and 80%) in order to reflect the new GPA calculations which are based on the letter grade and the 10 point GPA. “During the transition period (where students have letter and number grades) we will be manually verifying borderline cases for graduation purposes that involve the overall GPA (cum. laude, honours, C grade to graduate, etc.),” said Demers. “My office wants to ensure that the conversion from old cumulative GPA to new GPA does not negatively impact students. Students in their first

year at Laurentian will not see any difference”. Given the new grading scheme, professors now have the option to enter grades as a letter or as a number from 0-100. The new system then converts that value into a letter grade, which appears on the official transcript and on Webadvisor. For returning students in the transition period, the transcript and Webadvisor will show a combination of numbers (before Sept. 2014) and the new letter grades. First years and future incoming students will only have the letter grades. With the new system in place, students will see a difference in terms of failed courses because failures did not count in the overall GPA in the previous years, although, students in the A+ range will benefit from the new grading scheme because it will level out the 90-100 range of grades. This will put those students on a

level playing field for bursaries and awards. It will also place students entering graduate studies at an equal level to those from other universities who use the letter grade as well. For students who are anxious about the new grading scheme Demers explains, “some students have come to see me to say that their 95% will not be different from the 91% someone else had. Apart from the measurement error argument identified earlier, the important part to remember is that the grading scheme is applied at the course level. The GPA is only the average of the 0 to 10 points obtained for each course. In that sense, students should not worry about differentiation at the course level, but rather maintain the high performance for all courses over all the years of study so that their overall GPA is then as high as possible.”

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Student launches Laurentian Apps



**Kaya Perry,
Editor-in-Chief**

With five apps created thus far, including the Laurentian Dining App and Laurentian Book Sale App, Logan Pytl has spent almost three months creating his entrepreneurial company, Laurentian Apps. A third year Laurentian University Computer Science student, Pytl is sole designer and owner of all apps, although all are available in

the App Store for free. “It started as kind of a hobby – I take the bus a lot, and its always annoying checking the site when the bus comes so I kind of just made the app for myself, and it took off from there,” said Pytl. “I was interested in app development, and they don’t teach that in school so I went out of my way to learn it. I’m trying to expand my more recent apps (including the book sale app) to other schools, but the bus app, for example, is just for Sudbury.” In total, Pytl has created the Laurentian Bus app, the Dining App, the LU Navigator, the Sudbury Bus, and Squealz, a social media site. All are compatible with iOS and Android. Pytl said the Laurentian Bus app differs from the Sudbury Bus

app in that the former focuses on the whole of the city, whereas the Laurentian Bus app takes users directly to busses leaving and approaching the university campus. The most popular of the apps so far is the Sudbury Bus app, with 1,150 downloads; that app followed by the Laurentian Bus app, with 727 downloads. Pytl is presently trying to promote both the Book Sale App, which is currently available to students of Laurentian University, Cambrian College, and College Boreal, and the LU Dining App, where Pytl uploads the Great Hall dining menu every day. “Right now for Laurentian students there’s the book sell Facebook page, but I find that a bit disorganized because students

can’t really search for books,” said Pytl. In the Book Sale App, students can either post that they are selling a book or search for a specific book simply by entering the textbooks ISBN, which is found typically on the inside cover. Although Laurentian University does not currently recognize Pytl, he says it is something he would like to try in the future. “The big plan is to eventually have the apps get popular at multiple schools – then I can start putting my own ads on there, to promote the other apps and eventually start a business.” For more information, contact Laurentianapps@gmail.com, or find all apps in the App Store.

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Screenshots of the various apps display on iOS products. Photos supplied.

#LUsports / Women's hockey team wins two out of first 14 games



Members of the women's Voyageurs hockey team celebrate after scoring a goal. Photo by Gabriel Rodrigues.

Gabriel Rodrigues, Assistant Editor

Despite only managing two wins out of its first 14 games of the 2014-15 OUA campaign, Laurentian's women's hockey coach believes her squad is learning valuable lessons and "maturing as a team."

"We have a lot of work to do," said Stacey Colarossi. "This is not where we had hoped to be at this point, but if we take wins and

losses out of the scenario, we are making strides from where we were at the start of the season."

After the first 14 games before the holiday break, the Voyageurs' record was 2-9-3, which placed Laurentian second last with seven points in the OUA standings, just ahead of the Brock Badgers (1-9-3).

Statistically, the Voyageurs are the lowest scoring team in the OUA with 19 goals for averaging

only 1.36 goals per game.

Laurentian's defensive side of the puck has suffered also, as it has the third worst goals against with 42 allowing an average 3.07 goals per game.

At home, the Voyageurs have so far posted a 1-1-3 record and on the road Laurentian has only managed one win out of nine games (1-8) with the single victory coming against Brock on Nov. 29.

Although Laurentian's record says otherwise, the Voyageurs, according to Colarossi, are not a team to be taken lightly, as they've proven they can play hockey with some of the best teams in the OUA with their only home win coming in a shootout at home against the CIS fifth ranked Queen's Gaels (10-2-2). However, what raises questions of concern for Colarossi is the fact her squad can't close out games, as seen with their final home game before the New Year against the York Lions on Nov. 16, when Laurentian was up by two goals in the third period, but lost 3-2 in overtime.

Colarossi said her team had trouble sustaining and closing out games during the first half of the season, but is certain after the work her squad has put in during the break, the Voyageurs will be "locked and loaded" and ready to compete for a playoff spot.

"This is a game of inches," said Colarossi. "We need to learn to be ready to play in every shift. We play outstanding at times, but once we get that lead, some of our youthful players gear away from the game plan. We need to make sure we don't give the other team momentum going into peri-

ods, and find a way to put pucks to the net to generate some offense."

Laurentian is currently eight points out of the last playoff spot, however with 10 games remaining in the season, Colarossi is optimistic with her team's chances to salvage points.

"We are still gunning for the playoffs," said Colarossi. "We are at home which will work in our favour. We play better on our ice, but we need to take care of teams like York, Brock, Waterloo, Ryerson, U of T and Nipissing, who are all trying to fight for those same spots. If we keep our pace and take care of details, the wins will come."

Julie Hebert, Laurentian's captain and current leading scorer after 14 games with 10 points, six goals and four assists, hopes her teammates can bounce back from their start and finally be the team to "come out on top."

"We need to figure out how to play for 60 minutes," said Hebert. "We've had a lot of games against the upper end teams where we are bringing them into overtime or a shootout. We need to start executing and pay attention to the little details our coaches are stressing. Hopefully from now on, we can execute and get wins."

The Voyageurs begin the opening games of the New Year on the road, but Laurentian's next home games will be on Jan. 17 and 18 when they host Waterloo Saturday at 7:20 p.m. and Laurier on Sunday at 1:50 p.m. at the Gerry McCrory Countryside Sports Complex.

For updated standings and statistics, visit www.oua.ca.

Women's track has 'good start': Moss



Katie Wismer, LU women's indoor track team member. Photo supplied.



**Gabriel Rodrigues,
Assistant Editor**

On Jan. 3, Laurentian's women's indoor track team kicked off the 2015 season at the University of Toronto's Sharon Anderson Open, and according to their coach, this competition was a "good start" to their OUA campaign.

"With our athletes spread all over the place during the holidays, it really showed how fit and dedicated they were in doing their workouts during exams and the holidays," said Dick Moss.

Not only did the Voyageurs return home with five medals throughout the opening competition of the season, but managed to achieve four OUA qualifying performances within the 1500m race, eight personal bests and 11 top-six finishes.

The 1500m event turned out to be

Laurentian's strongest individual race, as Sudbury native Katie Wismer took home the gold with a personal best time of 4:42.87, breaking the OUA standard by 12 seconds.

Also, within that race, three other athletes qualified for the OUA's, which includes Marissa Lobert, Michelle Kennedy and Emily Marcolini, who finished third, fourth and fifth place respectively. The Voyageurs weren't done there, as Laurentian's Samantha Edwards, Marcolini, Kennedy and Wismer posted a first place finish within the 4 x 800m rally with a combined time of 10:08.

Laurentian pentathlete Alicia Violin posted a personal best in the shot put, finishing first with a result of 9.58m, and also second in the high jump, fourth in the long jump and fifth 60m hurdles.

Despite some Laurentian athletes missing out on medals, Moss believes personal best performances are "the name of the game" for his team, as eight Voyageurs athletes all posted their personal bests at the Sharon Anderson Open, which includes Wismer (1500m), Violin (shot put), Kennedy (1500m), Marcolini (1500m), Jenna Thornber (1000m), Nicole Rich (300m and 600m), Lyndsay Greasley (1500m) and Maddy Bak (1500m).

"The goal is to keep improving throughout the season and hit our peak at the OUA Championships," said Moss. "Every runner has individual goals they want to achieve, and it's different for every athlete."

The Voyageurs will be competing in four other invitational meets before the OUA Championships in late February, which includes the Fred Foot Classic on Jan. 17, York Open on Jan. 31, Valentine

Invitational held in Boston, MA on Feb. 13 and the Hal Brown Last Chance on Feb. 20.

With already four athletes qualifying for the OUA's in the 1500m, Moss hopes to have as many competitors qualify for the Championships with the next upcoming events.

"The next two meets at the University of Toronto and York help the girls calibrate their optimal race paces and are a good lead-up to the Valentine Invitational in Boston," said Moss. "The Valentine is on a fast track in an exciting atmosphere and that's where we hit a lot of qualifying times."

Moss expects to compete within every invitational tournament leading up to the OUA

Championships, and said he doesn't leave out the possibility of having athletes qualify for the CIS Championships either.

"On an individual basis, it's very difficult to qualify for nationals," said Moss. "The standards get faster every year and very few qualify. We've had athletes very close in several events over the past five years and it often comes down to fractions of a second. This year, we'll just keep working hard and see what happens."

The Voyageurs next test in order to gain OUA qualification spots will be the Fred Foot Invitational at the University of Toronto on Saturday, Jan. 17.

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**Daniel Melchior,
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Although last year’s Masquerade Ball was deemed to be “extremely successful”, Student Theatre Association (STA) President, Vanessa Di Feo, said the association is “stepping things up” this year.

According to Di Feo, this year two hundred and twenty people will be able to get tickets, and the association will sell masks for \$5 at the door for the first people who arrive.

Furthermore, a cash bar will offer a wide variety of cocktails, rather than the limited wine and beer that was available in previous years.

Di Feo said that, last year, the association “actually had a waitlist

for people who did not get their tickets in time. There were two hundred people there last year, and they were able to enjoy a cash bar, free food, and music of their choice.”

Starting at 8 p.m. on January 31, the ball will held at the Ernie Checkeris Theatre at Thorneloe University. The Masquerade Ball is held annually, and features a dance floor, professional lighting and sound technicians.

Tickets can be purchased for \$15 in advance at the V-Desk, and any tickets left by January 31 will be sold at the door for \$20.

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#LUabroad / Squires: A final reflection on a semester abroad



Taylor Squires, For The Lambda

Before I start writing columns concerning anything else, I'd first like to write one last piece about my semester abroad.

Even as I type this out, the fact that my exchange has come to an end is such a bizarre feeling to me; it seriously feels like I landed in Sweden yesterday.

I remember my mom sitting in the kitchen and telling me that five and half months would pass in

the blink of eye. Although there was a part of me that knew that, I didn't exactly want to believe it. When I first returned home to Canada, I mostly told funny stories about all of the crazy things that happened to me while I was abroad, and mentioned a few things about school here and there as I gave out souvenirs.

Now, I want to take the time to talk a little bit about what I've gone through personally in the last couple of months. I feel like it could provide some insight to those who are thinking of participating in an exchange program or maybe to those who plan on spending a significant amount of time abroad.

I'll start by saying this: do it. Seriously. Don't over-think it, don't worry about how much money it's going to cost, just go.

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I think the one thing that people tend to forget about spending time abroad is that it is an investment. There is a quote by an unknown author that says: "Travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer." This could not be more accurate.

I've had a multitude of amazing experiences over the past five months and I could not be more grateful: my time abroad has enabled me to grow in so many ways. I'd now much more modest, I've learned how to be more understanding, and I've come to realize that in the past, I wasn't as appreciative as I should have been.

I've also learnt that I have a

strong disposition and that I can get myself out of any sticky situation (bed bugs in Stockholm, having my wallet stolen in Russia and practically getting hypothermia in Germany, just to name a few).

Exposing yourself to new cultures is also extremely important. To put it simply: the world does not revolve around you or your Instagram account. Travelling the world will show you this and you'll be happy that it did.

So if you are waiting for a sign, this is it. Take a road trip, book a flight, study abroad, do whatever you want to do. Life is short and there is a lot to see.

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#LUent / Fashion Focus: Welcome to Sudbury, where it is cold in January



**Daniel Melchior,
For The Lambda**

Whoever first spoke the phrase “when hell freezes over”, was without a doubt referring to

Sudbury in January. If you haven’t noticed yet, it’s cold! When it gets to a point where your glasses develop a layer of frost as you wait at the bus stop, that’s your clue that you need to get bundled up. Maybe you are from Southern Ontario, or you are visiting us as an exchange student from another country – regardless, I hope someone told you: it’s a lot colder here than you may have thought. This means you have to bundle

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up. Please have a warm jacket and a reliable pair of boots or shoes. When I say reliable, I actually mean warm and thick; we don’t want any toes freezing do we? Speaking of digits, get mitts or gloves; they should be wool or some other equally thick material. A hat will help a lot as well, and if you’re one of those people who don’t like ruining your hair (cough, cough, like me) find yourself some earmuffs. Stay warm, and good luck.

Name: Jennifer Labelle
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Program: History
What are you wearing? Burgundy jacket from Forever 21, floral print dress from Forever 21, black ankle boots from Charlotte Russe, lace tights, and velvet head wrap.
Who is your style/fashion icon? Of course, my favourite is Stevie Nicks.
Any style advice? Dress as the person you want to be.
What is something everyone should have in their closets? Bench jackets, yoga pants, and UGG boots (I’m disappointed).

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Elephant Stone offers rock'n'roll ride

**Tina Siegel,
CKLU For The Lambda**

Elephant Stone.

The name alone was enough to intrigue me. And then there's the title of their latest album - The Three Poisons.

Fantastic.

So of course I listened to it.

The percussion hit me first, and it knocked me out in a dozen ways. I love how the band experiments with rhythm. They move so easily from a comfortable ebb-and-flow, push-me-pull-me (Motherless Child) to the broad, slow, steady beat of an inverted love song (Worlds Don't Begin and End With You), to a driving, driven, nearly-techno vibe (Living

for Something).

Then there's the sitar. It's something you'd expect from a band that has 'spear-headed the Hindi-Rock movement,' yes?

Yes.

What might surprise you is the variety of ways they use it. In Knock You From Your Mountain, for instance, the sitar has pride of place and it showcases the song's spine-tingling harmonies. Then, in Intermediate State, it's heavy and full which, combined with a deep, dark baseline, produces a slightly menacing effect. In other places, the sitar becomes dissonant and discomfiting in the best way.

So, thus far, I'm impressed. What I really listen for, though, is the

lyrics. Now, words are not the focus of this album - it's musically crowded but lyrically sparse, which didn't sit well with me, at first.

Fortunately, Elephant Stone is very capable of carving out space for their lyrics to breathe - they do it brilliantly in Between the Lines. And the snatches we hear elsewhere are so tantalizing, so interesting, so literate that I was eventually won over.

In the end, I really enjoyed The Three Poisons.

I recommend it, but make sure you have time to listen from start to finish - that way, you experience it as a cohesive entity, rather than a collection of songs. It's more satisfying that way.

Remember, too, that lyric-hounds will have to dig through the instrumentation, making this album a bit of a commitment.

However, if you're willing to sit back and go along for a 'rock'n'roll, Hindustani classical and catchy-as-hell pop' ride, then this is well worth a listen.

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Earth Tracks focuses on environment

**Tina Siegel,
CKLU For The Lambda**

Although radio host Will Crumplin may relatively be new to CKLU, the idea for Earth Tracks, the show he hosts every Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m., was born years ago.

Crumplin started thinking about radio as a medium when he met First Nations actor Gary Farmer at a dinner in Sault Ste. Marie.

Crumplin observed that Farmer extolled the virtues of radio and the vital role it plays in building community, and was quickly struck by his passion. Then, last spring, he ran into former LU student and CKLU host Danny Shamess, who invited Crumplin to be a guest on his show, Vinyl Destination.

The rest, as they say, is history.

Crumplin now graces the airwaves himself. He describes

Earth Tracks as a mix of "audio clips and songs about the environment and environmental issues."

Often organized around themes, Crumplin also interviews students, faculty and individuals "who have expertise and or informed opinions about the environment and how we as a society interact, or should interact, with it."

When asked why he chose this particular topic, Crumplin points to how divorced we as a society have become from our environment.

"It's far too easy for us to fall into the near ubiquitous and so called smart phones that are simply black holes that command our attention and distract us from nature and what we continue to do to it."

His hope, he continues, is that re-focusing on the environment,

even for two hours a week, via a radio show, will encourage people to participate in and enjoy, and protect nature.

Crumplin also peppers his show with personal anecdotes. He addresses a wide variety of topics, like his father's struggle with Alzheimer's, his favourite pubs, and what he calls his "at-home veganism".

Off the air, Crumplin is an Associate Professor in Laurentian University's School of the Environment.

In addition to CKLU, Crumplin often listens to CBC 2. He appreciates the focus on Canadian artists and emerging Canadian talent. He also cites Stuart McLean's Vinyl Cafe as a particular favourite.

"I really appreciate how Stuart features a local musician on each of his stops while touring," he notes.

If you're looking for an earthy mix of environmentalism, social connectedness and human interest, check out Will Crumplin on Earth Tracks, on CKLU between 12 and 2 p.m. every Wednesday.

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Asking the Advice Answerer

This months advice answerer is Moe Rigley, a full-time motivational speaker.

Dear A.A.,
I'm in my second year Engineering. This is always a tough time. What's a sure-fire way to avoid burn out?
Fran

Hmm, this definitely sounds like an engineering question. I think you add more oxygen to the system, or add more fuel, or make sure your compressor is functioning. No wait, that's flame out... To avoid burn out, you remember what brought you to the Engineering program in the first place; your passion for making bridges, reinforcing mining walls, finding the tensile strength of stuff. There is no job more exciting than being an engineer, and you have to remind yourself of that. You have to remind yourself how much everyone looks up to and envies Engineers. To remind yourself, I want you to go to Starbucks when they are really busy, order yourself your favourite over caffeinated, over sugary, over priced coffee that is the caloric equivalent of a Big Mac. And when that cute barista asks for your name you say as loudly as you can, so that everyone can hear "Just write "Fran

the Engineer" on it!!" And mumble the word "student" so no one can hear. Once the gasps of astonishment die down and the applause is building, you take your bow. If that doesn't motivate you, I'm sure the 1,100 calories of sugar and caffeine you are about to drink will.

Dear A.A.,
What did Santa bring you?
Carol

Carol, I know you are teasing but I have to say, I love the concept of Santa Claus. There was a time when I thought "Do we still need the Santa Claus myth? Shouldn't we be honest to our children about Santa Claus?" And all I needed to do was have children of my own and see the delight in their eyes whenever they saw Santa Claus at the mall to know children need to believe in magic for at least part of their lives. That certainty was reinforced when I saw their faces light up when they saw the carrot (for the reindeers) and the cookies (for Santa) and the shot of whiskey (for me) were all gone when they woke up Christmas morning to be replaced by gifts from Santa (that had to be wrapped in special wrapping paper the children hadn't seen me buying).

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There is magic all around us. The magical way people forget how to drive in snow every year, the magical way the line ups at Tim Hortons are always the longest when I want a coffee, the magical way the snow

plow knows exactly when I have finished shoveling before it comes around to dump a foot of snow at the end of my driveway. But there is nothing so magical as the magic we believe in as children.

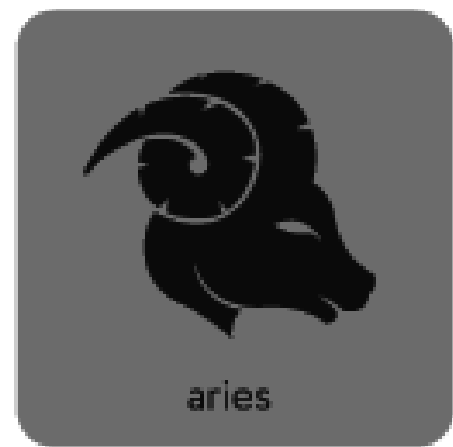


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Aries
Until the sun crosses the tenth house, Aries, you will be your own worst enemy. Arrogance, pride and stubbornness contribute to some of your ennui these days. If you allow yourself to stand down, you'll find that support and accolades from authority figures (parents, profs, and peers) come naturally and with great ease. Keep that in mind as new endeavours show themselves.

Taurus
This is typical the time of year when Taurus feels most restless. Although your energies are pleasant and welcoming to those close to you, you may have that nagging feeling you're missing out on something. The only way to ditch that feeling is to seek new experiences outside your comfort zone, engage a new viewpoint, invoke a new sense of the world around you. Consider this the perfect time to indulge your inner philosopher.



Gemini
That introspection and self-examination you've been feeling lately will slowly ebb away in the coming weeks. Relationships that begin during this time will definitely be more intense, more cerebral, more all-or-nothing. Don't let that stop you from exploring new ideas or meeting new people, Gemini, for the sun is pointing to your ever creative ninth house and will keep your productive energies following.

Cancer
The eighth house is illuminated this month. That usually signifies deep, introspective spells coupled with the building or examining of intimate relationships. The sensitive crab can use these coming weeks to either reflect and recharge and hopefully experience some epiphany, or build the groundwork for a future, deeper relationship.



Leo
Although you're usually one to go it alone, Leo, this is not the most opportune time to do so. Partner up, but remember that those you partner with will often let you down. That's Leo's downfall, expecting the same perfection in others that you burden yourself with. Ease up on your buds, Lion, at least until February.

Virgo
Pay your bills. Stick to your diet. Mark off the calendar. Get your

assignments in. Save your pocket change. Help the lonely. Speak to the saddened. Bundle up, pick your favourite songs from a long time ago, and listen to others before you speak yourself.



Libra
High fives for surviving the holidays with family! Time to let the inner party flourish, and others will follow you along. Not the best time to begin a new endeavour, mind you, nor enter into a new relationship. Just ride out this wave of enthusiasm and energy, and then focus as February comes into view.

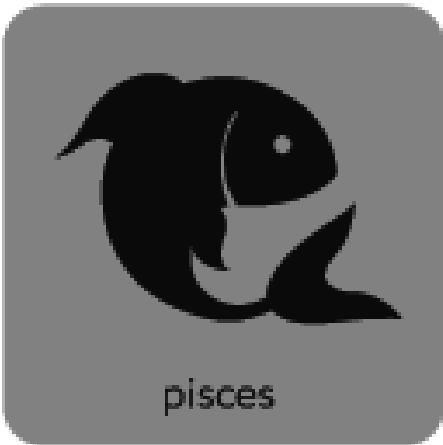
Scorpio
Breathe deep. The worst is over. See you in couple weeks.

Sagittarius
This is the time for communication. Whether with family, classmates, or co-workers, you will display a certain warmth, humility and emotional intelligence in the weeks ahead. If there's anything that needs to be tactfully approached, now is certainly the time to do so.



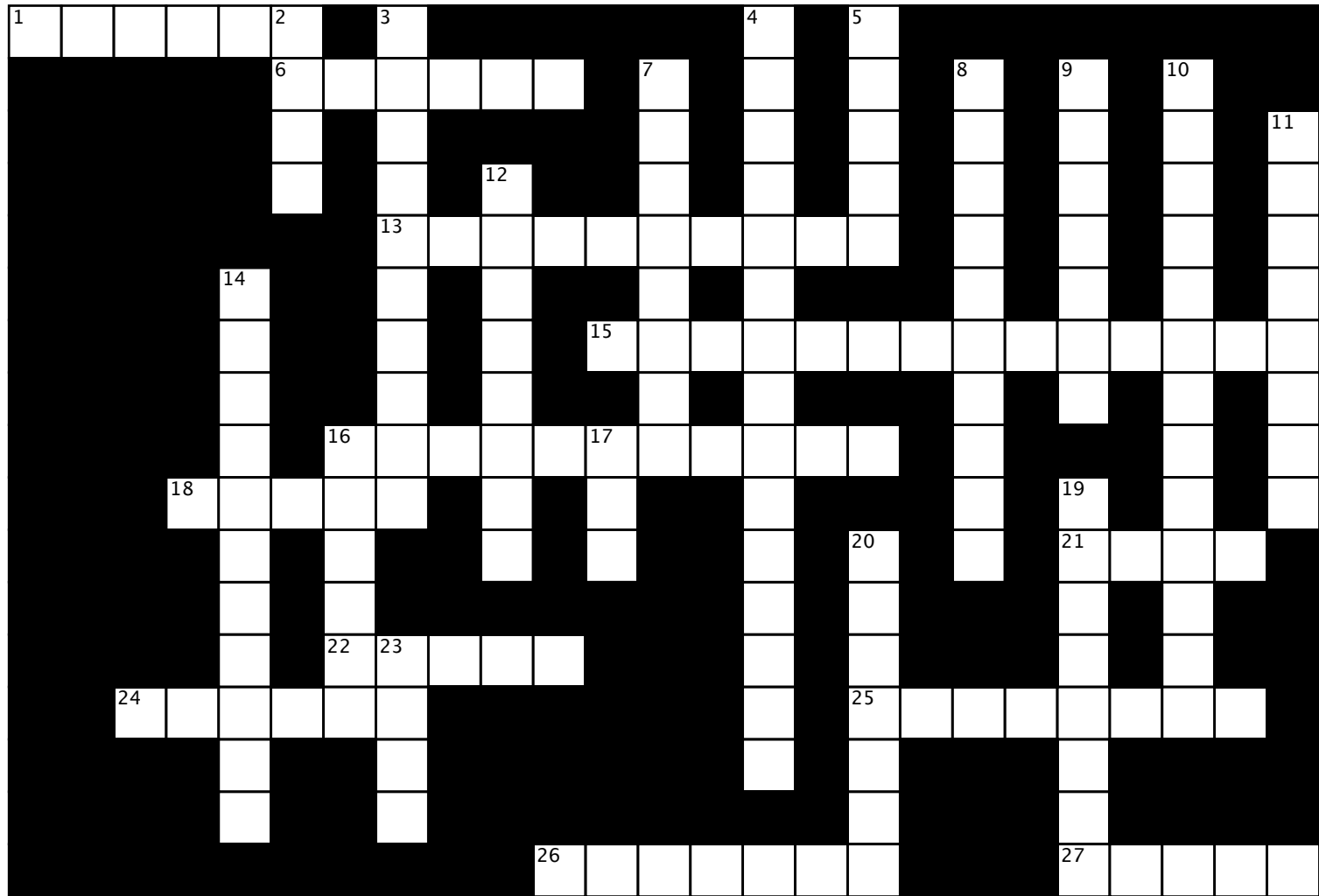
Capricorn
Business affairs are brought into order, if Capricorn can focus their energies in such a way. Debt, plans for trips, reaching for that business venture, all are within the realm of Scorpion's next few weeks. But with all the focus on the details, don't lose sight of the big picture (which often happens.) Especially if your partner is a sensitive water sign. They just don't seem to get you, do they?

Aquarius
Sometimes the universe just wants you to succeed and showers you with attention, attraction, charm and wisdom. For the first few weeks of January, Aquarius, this will be you. Enjoy it. Bask in it. Take some time for yourself and allow it to flow. Those who didn't see your true soul will suddenly be enamoured, and you can use this to plant to seeds for future success.



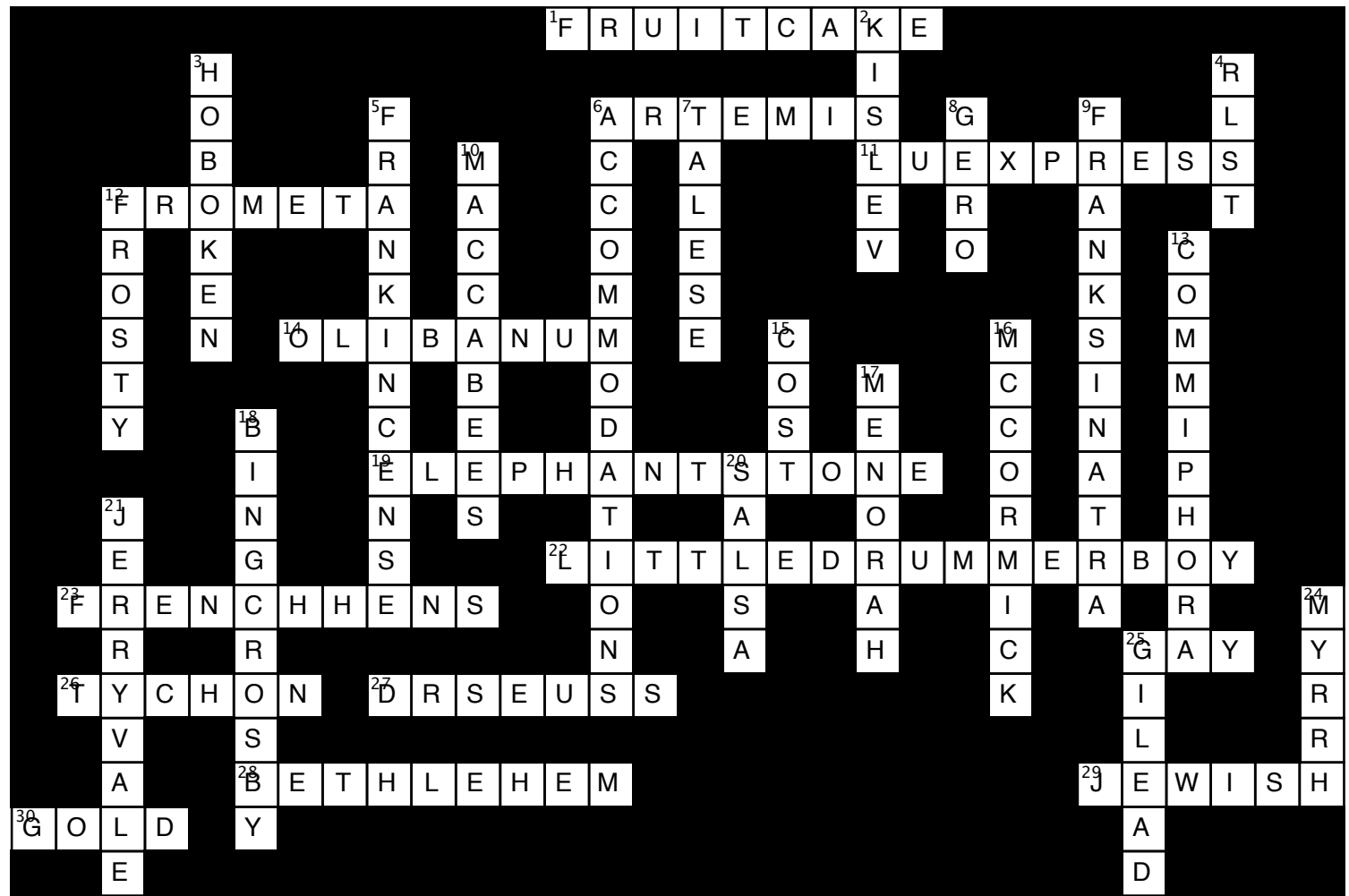
Pisces
If you can stay grounded and practical, the next few weeks will open up interesting possibilities on the relationship and employment front. Remnants of your past also resurface, but do not allow those to be the hook that pulls the fish in. Your path, though cluttered with interesting sights, is actually quite straight and will not lead you astray.

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- Down**
- 2. Adventure course code
 - 3. Will obviously help with student debt
 - 4. Leafs could use him behind bench
 - 5. Mysteriously disappear from campus in winter
 - 7. Epic matchup: Canadian Juniors versus
 - 8. Annual Thornloe romp
 - 9. Next Research Chair to study these
 - 10. PSYC's Ms. Marvel?
 - 11. LU's Microbial communities Research Chair
 - 12. Green LU Prof
 - 14. One of LU's Seven Kingdoms
 - 16. Canuck junior backstop
 - 17. Three-lettered value for student assessment
 - 19. To be one, take MIDW
 - 20. Je Suis...
 - 23. LU Architecture course code

Last issues answers:



- Across**
- 1. Men's hockey captain
 - 6. Your grades are ferociously guarded by this
 - 13. Sought after Prez seat in Senate
 - 15. LUPSA students venturing here
 - 16. Epic matchup: Can. Juniors versus them
 - 18. LU's Particle Astrophysics Research Chair
 - 21. Rural and Northern Health Course code
 - 22. Slick skating Canadian Junior captain
 - 24. New Marvel Series Agent
 - 25. Juniors' silver-winning opponents
 - 26. LU's Multicultural Sport Research Chair
 - 27. Previous Laurentian mascot

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